

## REMARKS

In view of the Examiner's objection to the ordering of the steps in the main claim, new independent claim 44 sets forth the steps in the order described in the specification.

On the merits, none of the references cited, U.S. Patent No. 6,129,965 to Langan, U.S. Patent No. 6,329,631 to Yueh, U.S. Patent No. 5,760,367 to Rosenwasser, Japanese No. 358087846A, Japanese No. 356057037A, and GB Patent Application No. 2125340A, not one is concerned with marking gemstones by inscribing the gemstones with marking patterns formed on stencils that are adhered to the gemstones. Langan is concerned with paper labels; Yueh does not disclose any stencil, but instead a solder strip for transferring solder to a semiconductor; Rosenwasser is concerned with painting a coating; the two Japanese references are concerned with the manufacture of semiconductors; and GB Patent Application No. 2125340A is concerned with engraving a car window.

Petition is hereby made for a three-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to January 13, 2008. A check in the amount of \$525.00, as the Petition fee, is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

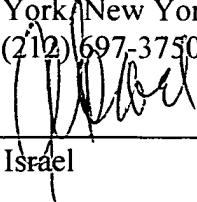
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